

# **DISCLAIMER**

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## **APPLICATION OF**

### **VIRGINIA GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANY**

**CASE NO. PUE990531**

**For a general rate increase**

### **HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**January 21, 2000**

On January 20, 2000, Virginia Gas Distribution Company (the "Company") filed with the Clerk of the Commission a Motion to Implement Rates and Accept Bond. In support of its Motion, the Company states that it filed an Application for a General Increase in Rates with the Commission on August 25, 1999. By order entered on September 14, 1999, the Commission scheduled a hearing on the Company's application and suspended the Company's proposed rates and charges for a period of 150 days, but provided that such rates and charges shall take effect for service rendered on or after January 23, 2000, subject to refund with interest. Attached to the Company's motion is a copy of an executed surety bond to secure the payment of any refunds in this case purchased from Continental Casualty Company in the amount of \$300,000.00. The Company requests that the Commission accept the attached bond for filing and permit the Company to implement its proposed rates on January 23, 2000.

Good cause having been shown, I find the Company's Motion to Implement Rates and Accept Bond should be granted, subject, of course, to any refunds, with interest, that may, or may not, have to be made when final rates are approved by the Commission. Accordingly,

#### **IT IS DIRECTED:**

- (1) That the Company's Motion to Implement Rates and Accept Bond be, and it is hereby, **Granted**;
- (2) That the aforesaid bond be accepted for filing;
- (3) That the bond be admitted into the record and filed with the Clerk of the Commission;
- (4) That the Company keep accurate accounts of all amounts received under the increased rates, which will become effective for service rendered on and after January 23, 2000;
- (5) That interest upon any refund hereinafter ordered by the Commission shall be computed from the date the payment is due until the date refunds are made by the Company; and

(6) That the Company shall bear all costs of making any such refund.

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Hearing Examiner